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## PETITION FOR FIVE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

Applicants herewith request a five-month extension of time to respond to the Notification to Comply With Requirements For Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide And/Or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures mailed November 30, 2005 in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a).

Enclosed please find a check to cover the four-month extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-1664. This, however, is not authorization to pay the issue fee.

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